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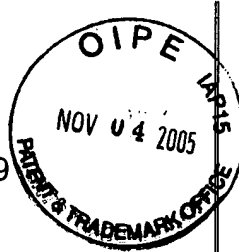
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

Due to the nonentry of the previously proposed amendments as relayed by the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2005, Applicants resubmit the following response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"), accompanied by a request for continued examination.

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 were pending. Claims 1-18 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the remarks to follow.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.